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PRODUCTION OF BIO FERTILIZERS AND BIO CONTROL AGENTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to produce bio-fertilizers and bio-control agents with the help of private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the shortage of bio-fertilizers and bio-control agents are posing serious threat to farmers in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to meet the shortages?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Government is providing financial assistance to private companies, group of farmers/growers, proprieties/partnership firm, co-operatives, fertilizer industry, seed industry, corporations, NGOs, Self Help Groups etc. for setting up of bio-fertilizer production units. Financial assistance @25% of the project cost up to a maximum of Rs.20.00 lakh per unit is being provided as credit linked back ended subsidy through National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).

For production of bio-control agents, financial assistance to NGOs as grant-in-aid of Rs.5 lakh per NGO per laboratory is being provided for establishment of Biological Control Laboratories.

(c)&(d): There is no shortage of bio-fertilizers and biocontrol agents at present.